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SUBJECT: COUP

1. FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1968, GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE
IMPOSED ROADBLOCK ON ENTRANCE TO NICOSIA ENCLAVE. 10-15
NG TROOPS WERE STOPPING AND THOROUGHLY SEARCHING
ALL NON-DIPLOMATIC CARS ENTERING AND EXITING ENCLAVE VIA
LEDRA PALACE MORNING JULY 18.

2. TMT MOBILIZATION APPEARS COMPLETE. CIVIL

OFFICES STRIPPED OF STAFF, DOUBLE AND TRIPLE MANNING ALL POSITIONS.

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RESERVE AREAS FILLED. CURSORY DRIVE THROUGH ENCLAVE INDICATES

VIRTUALLY ALL ABLE-BODIED MALES NOW UNDER ARMS, MANY WITHOUT UNIFORMS.

3. TURK EMBOFF SAID IT HIS "PERSONAL ASSESSMENT" THAT TURKEY WILL RPT WILL INTERVENE. NOTED TURKEY HAD "LOST CHANCE" IN 1964 AND 1967; COULD NOT RPT NOT AFFORD LET THIS OPPORTUNITY SLIP. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THIS ONLY HIS PERSONAL JUDGMENT, THOUGH HE ADMITTED EMBASSY IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH ANKARA. PRESSED AS TO PURPOSE OF SUPPOSED INTERVENTION, HE STATED TURKEY WOULD REIMPOSE 1960 ACCORDS. CLAIMED TURKEY DID NOT RPT NOT SEEK PARTITION NOR DID IT NECESSARILY WANT GEOGRAPHIC SEPARATION OF POPULATIONS. EMPHASIZED THERE NO RPT NO INTENT RESTORE MAKARIOS TO POWER. CLAIMED THERE MANY GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS ABLE BEAR BURDEN OF PRESIDENCY, AS HAD HIS AMB (NICOSIA 1442), EMBOFF SAID NICOS SAMPSON WAS INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM TURKEY COULD NOT RPT NOT DEAL.

4. COMMENT: WE DETECT LINGERING HOPE THAT TURKISH INTERVENTION MIGHT RESULT IN CLERIDES ELEVATION TO PRESIDENCY. IN OUR VIEW, DOUBTFUL WHETHER HE WOULD ASSUME POSITION UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. END COMMENT.

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